rubber, spices, copra; coconut oil; coir and coir products would lead to a fall in prices which would affect the farmers and the economy of Kerala.

(b) There has been no change in the Import Policy in respect of (i) rubber; (ii) pepper; (iii) coconut oil and copra; (iv) coir and coir products. Only imports of certain spices—cloves, cinnamon/cassia, nut meg and mane have been decanalised and allowed under Open General Licence. Except for a short spell of canalisation, these items had been allowed earlier for import under Open General Licences. During the period of canalisation there were problems with regard to imports and distribution, which also led to litigations. These led to shortages and a consequent increase in prices. As these items are required in every household and also for the preparation of Ayurvedic medicines, they have been brought back on Open General Licence. The new import policy will not affect farmers.

**Projects pending clearance from environmental angle**

1613. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and other details of different projects which are being kept pending on the basis of the reported hazards from environmental angle; and

(b) when a final decision is expected in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Out of a total 104 developmental projects awaiting environmental clearance a majority are pending due to non-availability of requisite environmental details. A list of those projects pending either due to their reported environmental hazard or their being locted in ecologically sensitive area is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) The project authorities are to prepare detailed Environmental Management Plans to ensure that the projects are well within the carrying capacity of the region. A final decision can be taken only after satisfactory detailed Environment Management Plans are available. As such it is not possible to indicate as to when final decisions will be taken in these cases.

**Regarding Projects Pending From Environmental Angle**

*The name of different project kept pedning on the basis of their reported hazards from environmental angle are given below:—*

| S.No. | Name of the project |
|---|---|
| 1 | Yerraagunta Cement Factory of Cement Corporation of India Ltd. |
| 2 | Paper projects at Laikuan by Cen ury Paper Mills. |
| 3 | Fertilizers plant at Ramagundam, Namrup, Sikka, Kandla, Kalol, Paradeep and Gorakhpur. |
| 4 | Crude stabilization and Heavy Water plants at Hazira. |
| 5 | Supply base at Agardanda and off-shore facilities at Dighi. |
| 6 | Petro-chemical Complex at Thane by NOCIL. |
| 7 | Thermal Power Stations at Dahanu. Rihand and Vindhya Chal. |
| 8 | Coal mining at Baragolai, Lingraj, Ananta Kalinga Kakri and Dudhichua. |
| 9 | Andhra bauxite project of National Aluminium Company Ltd. |
| 10 | Bodhghat and Vishnuprayag Hydel Power Projects. |